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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (December 20 - 28, 2007)
Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.
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18/12/2007: On Friday December 14, 2007 the island of Saint Barthelemy was added to the "Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty" public list. Martti Laine, OH2BH and Olli Rissanen, OH0XX/HP1WW begin activity December 18th around 1200 noon local (1600z) as FJ/OH2AM from St. Barthelemy (NA-146, WLOTA L-0377). They will have two stations, using an FT-1000MP and FT2000MP along with Fin Fet amplifier. Initial operations will begin on 20 metre SSB and 17 metre CW. The goal of this operation will be to give as many DXers as possible a new country. Additional bands may be added as the DXpedition goes forward. Concentration will be to have one station on CW and one on SSB. They will remain active until December 27th. QSL cards for this operation should go via OH2BN. Further information to follow. *Approved by the ARRL DX Desk - FJ is a new country starting with December 14, 2007, contacts.* [K2FF]

20/12/2007: Newly licensed operator Petrus, ZS6GCM is currently on Bouvet Island (AN-002, WAP NOR-02) as 3Y0E, until February 14, 2008. He is part of a five man Norwegian led research team. Petrus is the medical officer of the team and will also be involved with the research. An Icom IC-735 and Hustler 4-BTV vertical antenna have been made available by the NCDXF, OKDXA and Bernie, ZS4TX. QSL sponsor and manager is Emil, LZ3HI (Emil Stoikov, P.O. Box 8, 6000 Stara Zagora, Bulgaria). The official 3Y0E operation webpage address is 3y0e.wordpress.com/ and includes all information plus an on-line log. [hamspirit.wordpress]

20/12/2007: Pat, W8FV, will be returning to Mwanza, Tanzania, possibly December 20th and is expected to be active as 5H9PD until he returns stateside January 12th. Activity will be mostly on CW on 40-10 metres depending on propagation. He is going to try 80 metres but with only just 100 watts, and he doesn't know how successful he will be. He will also be active on PSK-31. QSL via his home call sign. [OPDX]

22/12/2007: Luis, CT3EE will activate CT9EPC, a special call sign for the EPC (European PSK Club) members on Madeira Island (AF-014, DIP MA-001, WLOTA L-0053), between December 22-28th. Activity will be mainly on 40/20 metres because of propagation. The call sign CT9EPC is used only on the digital modes, and the main objective is to have more activity on these modes. QSL direct to CT3EE (see QRZ.com) and not to the bureau (he is not a member of the Portuguese National QSL bureau). [OPDX]

22/12/2007: The Club Station of the Texas Lighthouse Radio Society, W5TLH will activate several lighthouses along the Texas Gulf Coast between December 22-29th for the "Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party". Lighthouses include: Texas Maritime Museum (ARLHS USA-1247), Corpus Christi (ARLHS USA-1137), Lydia Ann Channel (ARLHS USA-018, IOTA NA-092, USi TX-001S), Port Isabel (ARLHS USA-649, USi TX-038S), Brazos Santiago [New] (ARLHS USA-080), Brazos Santiago [Old] (ARLHS USA-081, IOTA NA-092, USi TX-007S) and Brazos Santiago Depot (ARLHS USA-1393).

Primary SSB operating frequencies will be centered near 14.260 and 7.260 MHz. QSL direct with SASE to W5TLH, c/o Jim Martin, 637 Newberry Dr., Richardson, TX 75080-5622. For a QSL card use a #10 business size return envelope SASE). For a QSL card and an unfolded certificate send a 9" x 12" return envelope (SASE). Further information can be found at: www.w5azn.com/ [ARLHS]

23/12/2007: Horst, DJ6OV will show up as 9H3HW during his holidays in Malta (EU-023, MIA MM-001, WLOTA L-1113) from December 23, 2007 to January 5, 2008. QSL via DARC bureau or direct to DJ6OZ. [DX Newsletter]

25/12/2007: Frank, I2DMI, and his wife Giovanna are planning a trip to the Palau Islands (OC-009) between December 26th and January 1st (2008). He will be active, holiday style, as T88RY on the HF and WARC bands but only on RTTY. Further info will be available on QRZ.com (under T88RY). QSL via I2DMI: P.O.Box 55, 22063 Cantu', Italy. [OPDX]

26/12/2007: Michael, G7VJR will be active as CU2/G7VJR from Ilha de S?o Miguel (AZ-002 for the Portuguese Islands Award, WLOTA L-2016), Azores (EU-003), from December 26th to January 3rd. He plans to operate CW only on a range of HF bands including 160 metres, with a small linear and verticals. QSL via G7VJR. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW shortly after the operation. [425 DX News]

26/12/2007: A Peru IOTA DXpedition by Jorge/OA4BHY, Daniel/DL5YWM, Rene/DL2JRM and Bodo/DL3OCH will start with the team being QRV December 26-27th as OA4/homecall from the Club station OA4O des Radioclub Peruano, located in Lima, Peru. They will then travel to Isla Blanca (SA-098, WW Loc. FH32WX) and be active December 28-30th, using the call sign OC6I, with 2 stations simulaneously from 10m to 160m. Note: dates can vary depending on the weather and the sea. The team will then travel to Isla Lobos de Tierra (SA-076, ARLHS PER-053, WLOTA L-1521) where they will be active again with 2 stations on all bands from January 2-7th, using the call sign OC1I. From January 8-12th the team will be back in Lima where Bodo/DL3OCH is planning to do some 23cm EME (JT65) work. QSL OC1I and OC6I via DL5WM, direct or bureau. QSL OA4/homecall via the operator's home call. For more information and how do you get a EME-Sked, check the website at www.qslnet.de/oc1i or www.qslnet.de/oc6i . [DE0MST]

27/12/2007: Ron, KC0JQO will be QRV as homecall/p or /m at Split Rock lighthouse (ARLHS USA-783), Lake Superior, Minnesota, on December 27th from 1900 - 2200 UTC. Activity will primarily be on 14.270 MHz SSB. QSL direct to KC0JQO with SASE/SAE + postage. [ARLHS]

28/12/2007: Kazu, JA0VSH and his wife Miyuki, JG0PBJ will be active from Pohnpei, Micronesia (OC-010) from December 28th to January 3rd. They will operate V63KZ (Kazu), V63MP (Miyuki) and V63BBQ (club call) on 160-10 metres CW and SSB. All QSLs direct to JA0VSH (Kazuhide Maruyama, 1-25-49 Iruma, Chofu, Tokyo 182-0004, Japan). [425 DX News]

28/12/2007: Igor VE3ZF will be active as a VE2IDX from Orleans Island (NA-128, CIsA QC-007), December 28th/29th during RAC Canada Winter Contest. Before and after contest he will use his regular call sign VE3ZF/2. His main frequencies will be 14260 kHz (daytime) and 3795/7260 kHz (during the night). SKEDs are welcomed at: Igor.Slakva_at_smithsdetection.com This is a good chance to work for the Canadian Islands Trophy (CISA Award program). Rules concerning the CISA

Award program can be found at: www.qsl.net/ve3tpz/cisa/ . QSL via VE3ZF: Igor Slakva, 105 La Rose Avenue, PH #1410, Etobicoke, Ontario, M9P 1A9 Canada. [VE3ZF]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

01/01/2008: Special event station 8J7OZE will be aired between January 1st and September 30th to commemorate "The Birth of Oze National Park". Opened on August 30, 2007, the park is an area consisting of wetlands and mountains in Chubu, Japan. The park's area includes the marshes and the mountains in the Oze area, formerly part of the Nikko National Park, and other nearby areas including the Aizu-Komagatake and Tashiroyama mountains. The park is 37,200-hectares in area and includes parts of Fukushima, Tochigi, Gunma and Niigata prefectures. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/01/2008: The special event call sign EI100SI will be aired from January 1 to December 31, 2008 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts in Ireland. QSL info will be available on QRZ.com. [F5NQL]

01/01/2008: Lions Clubs International, the world's largest volunteer service organization, will be sponsoring an amateur radio special event station to be operated by Great Britain's Bedworth Lions Club January 1-28th. The station will operate on 2 metre FM and 80-10 metre SSB with the call sign GB4BLC. Additionally for 2008, contacts via amateur satellite are planned. QSL via G8GMU, direct or via the RSGB bureau. Further details at: www.bedworthlionsclub.co.uk/evawa.htm [Southgate ARC]

07/01/2008: Steve, G0UIH plans to be active as VK2IAY/4 from South Molle Island (OC-160), January 7-11th. As with previous DXpeditions the main operation will be centered around 14.260 MHz, with the possibility of 15 and 17m also. Equipment will be the 706MK2G used previously on VK and 3D2 activations with homebrew wire dipoles. QSL route is fine either direct or via the bureau. Check out the website for further details at: www.percy.me.uk/ [RSGB IOTA]

21/01/2008: Andrew, G7COD, will be QRV for the forth time from Embudu Island, South Male Atoll (WLOTA L-3911), Maldive Islands (AS-013) using the call 8Q7AK from January 21st to February 2nd. Using mainly SSB with a little CW, he will be operational every day from approximately 0900 to 1100, 1400 to 1600 and 1800 to 1830 UTC. Spot frequencies to be used are 7.093, 10.123, 14.147, 18.133, 21.253 and 24.953 MHz (+/- 10kHz). For complete details of operating times, spot frequencies, QSL information etc., please check 8Q7AK on QRZ.com. QSL via G7COD, direct or bureau. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

26/01/2008: Look for Ray, WQ7R to be active as HQ9R from Roatan Island (NA-057, WLOTA L-1671), Honduras, for the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 26-27th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. Outside of the contest look for him to be QRV as HR9/WQ7R. QSL both calls via K5WW. [NG3K]

26/01/2008: Ozer, TA2RC will be QRV from Izmit-Kocaeli, Turkey, during the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 26-27th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. QSL direct or via the bureau. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Nobby, G0VJG will once again be QRV as V25V from the V26B super station at Gunthroppes, Antigua Island (NA-100, WLOTA L-1118), for the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op/High-Power

entry. QSL via home call. [NG3K]
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SPECIAL EVENTS -

20/12/2007: Between December 20, 2007 and January 6, 2008 there will be 8 Christmas special event call signs QRV from The Netherlands. QSL for each special event station via the operator: PA07XMAS (via PG7V), PC07XMAS (via PA3AM), PD07SANTA (via PD0AT), PD07XMAS (via PD2J), PD08HNY (via PD0EMR), PF07XMAS (via PA1WLB), PG07XMAS (via PA7JWC) and PH07XMAS (via PA4CHE). All stations are valid for the Christmas 2007 award. All information can be found at: www.pg7v.net/xmas2007 [PG7V]

25/12/2007: Special event station 8N0SNOW will be aired from December 25, 2007 until February 22, 2008 to celebrate the 63rd Winter National Athletic Meet. Look for activity on all bands and modes. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

22/12-28/12 CT9EPC: Ilha da Madeira WLOTA:0053 QSL CT3EE (d)
23/12-5/1/08 9H3HW: Malta Island WLOTA:1113 QSL DJ6OZ (d/b)
26/12-3/1/08 CU2/G7VJR: Ilha de S?o Miguel WLOTA:2016 QSL H/C (d/b)
27/12 KC0JQO/P: Split Rock ARLHS:USA-783 QSL H/C (d)
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QSL News -

- Ed, KU4BP (V26H QSL manager) reports that all QSL requests for V26H in the 2007 ARRL DX SSB Contest went into the mail December 18th. I apologize for the delay in getting them out in a timely manner. The ops were waiting for the final results to be published in order for them to be put on the card. Ed only has logs for the contest itself. Logs before and after the contest are in the hands of the ops. Thank you all for your patience. [KU4BP]

- SU8BHI QSL information: Gab, HA3JB reports that his new QSL card's will be will be ready by the end of January 2008. You can see new QSL design at: www.qsl.net/ha3jb (NEWS). QSL via direct only to HA3JB (Gabor Kutasi HA3JB, H-8601 Siofok, P.O.Box 243, Hungary - Europe). Please write Gab a e-mail if you received or not received his direct QSL ! (ha3jb@t-email.hu). If you need a fast reply he can sent an old QSL. [Gab / SU8BHI]
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Satscape TV -

Satscape is one of the most popular programs for tracking Amateur Radio Satellites. Now Scott Hather, G7LIU has added Satscape TV to his website.

On the website Scott says:

"Satscape TV is a 24 hour TV Channel that broadcasts Videos all about Satscape, Space exploration, NASA, ESA, Amateur Radio and Amateur Satellite Radio tutorials and 'how-tos', and anything else I can think of that I think you'll want to watch.

We will also have special days where we'll put the serious stuff to one side and have a "comedy day", or some other theme, so what do you need to watch Satscape TV?

You probably already have everything, just a web browser and Flash installed, it works on Windows, Linux and Mac (much like Satscape for Java!)".

Satscape TV
www.satscape.co.uk/tv.html

Download Satscape - Free Satellite Tracker for the 21st Century
www.satscape.co.uk/download.html [Southgate ARC]
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New DXCC entity -

The ARRL DXCC Desk is pleased to announce the addition of St Barthelemy (FJ) to the DXCC List, making the island entity number 338 with an effective date of 14 December, 2007. Cards with contacts dated December 14, 2007 or after will be accepted for DXCC credit. New card submissions for St Barthelemy will not be accepted until January 1, 2008 in order to allow time for administrative adjustments.

The "event date" that caused St. Barthelemy to be added to the DXCC list was December 14, 2007, the date the US State Department Fact sheet was updated by the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. This update added St Barthelemy to the List of Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty with its Administrative Center in Gustavia, qualifying it under DXCC rules in Section II -- 1 Political Entities (c).

French St Martin (FS), while also added to the List of Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty, will remain on the DXCC List, but it is now considered a Point 1 Political Entity under the same classification as that of St Barthelemy.

Please direct any questions you may have about St Barthelemy, St Martin or the DXCC program to the ARRL DXCC Desk at, dxcc@arrl.org. [ARRL DX Bulletin 52]
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I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, your family and your friends "Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for The Coming New Year".
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ
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